# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



# FISCAL MEMORANDUM

## SB 2043 – HB 2136

February 26, 2018

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Increases, from \$300 to \$350, the maximum per diem payment a utility district board commissioner within Sullivan County may receive per meeting, for no more than 12 meetings per calendar year, upon approval by the board of commissioners.

### FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase Local Expenditures – Up to \$10,800/Permissive

#### IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF ORIGINAL BILL:

**NOT SIGNIFICANT** 

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013522):** Deletes and replaces language of the original bill to restrict its applicability to the Blountville Utility District.

## FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

### Increase Local Expenditures – Up to \$1,800/Blountville Utility District/Permissive

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Under current law, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-82-308, members of the board of commissioners for utility districts may receive a maximum per diem payment of \$300 per meeting, for not more than 12 meetings per calendar year.
- The proposed language would authorize the board of commissioners for the Blountville Utility District to receive a maximum per diem payment of \$350 per meeting, for not more than 12 meetings per year.
- Under current law, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-82-307, each utility district shall have three commissioners, except those multi-county utility districts and utility districts having a greater number of commissioners on May 6, 2004.

- Any vote required by the Blountville Utility District board of commissioners to approve
  a per diem payment increase will be accomplished at a regularly-scheduled meeting of
  the board.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-82-403, the board of commissioners of a utility district shall prescribe and collect reasonable rates, fee, tolls, or charges necessary to ensure that such system shall be and always remain self-supporting.
- Any increase in local expenditures for increased per diem payments will be borne by the Blountville Utility District.
- The rate of compensation currently received by Blountville Utility District commissioners is unknown; however, the proposed language will result in a recurring permissive increase in local government expenditures up to \$1,800 (3 commissioners x 12 meetings per year x \$50 maximum increase per meeting per person).

# IMPACT TO COMMERCE WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

# Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumption for the bill as amended:

• The proposed language as amended does not impact privately-operated utility districts; therefore, any impact to commerce or jobs in Tennessee is estimated to be not significant.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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